

Greenbelt News Review

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Large Crowd Greet Santa



Santa was welcomed to Greenbelt last Wednesday by several hundred wide eyed children as he arrived atop a fire truck with sirens and red lights showing the way. Part of the crowd is seen at upper right. Santa was greeted by Mayor Kistler and City Manager McDonald, who presented him with a key to the city, (lower left). Kistler and McDonald then escorted Santa to the large tree for the annual lighting, and are seen at upper left at the switchbox. Santa's helpers were busy passing out candy stockings to all the boys and girls. Three of them, David Ciatto, Patty O'Connell and Barbara Stratton. Carols were sung by the North End and Center School Choirs under the direction of Mrs. Kinney, the music teacher at both schools.

Co-op Auto Club

For \$7.50 a year, any G.C.S. Co-op member here can--get 1¢-a-gallon discount on the gasoline he buys--have his car towed or serviced within six miles of any of the seven co-op service stations, and--get his tires repaired, brakes adjusted, and wheels aligned.

Greenbelt Consumer Services auto club has begun accepting memberships, and the plan goes into effect February 1. Co-op officials are limiting the club to the first 5,000 families who apply.

The co-op will charge 50¢ extra for each tow call. Otherwise, auto club members get these services without additional charge.

To Renew Licenses

John R. Jewell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, announces that a new law will become effective January 1, 1961, requiring all Maryland operators' licenses to be renewed every two years according to the holder's birth-month, in the "odd" year if born in an "odd" year, or in the "even" year, if born in an "even" year.

Applications have been mailed to those persons born in January of an "odd" year, whose present licenses are more than one year old. Each month applications will be mailed to holders of Maryland operators' licenses according to their birth-month. Applicants must sign the application and forward to the Department of Motor Vehicles, together with fee of \$2.00. No notary certification is required on the new applications.

Tree Bonfire Set on Monday

The fifth annual Christmas Tree Burning will be held at Braden Field, Monday, January 2, at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department has announced. Trees will be collected at the North End School, the Jewish Community Center and at Braden Field, and everyone who turns in a tree will get a free ticket to the Greenbelt Theater for a movie to be announced at the event.

This year marks the first statewide practice of what has been a local tradition since 1955. Since that time there has been no case of a discarded Christmas tree starting a fire in the city. Bob Moegel, local representative on the Maryland Fire Prevention Association, is credited with promoting the tree burning tradition. The bonfire of trees is expected to last more than an hour.

Bank Bonus

T. Howard Duckett, Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee, and J. Robert Sherwood, President, of Suburban Trust Company, announced that due to increased earnings for the year 1960 a bonus equal to one month's salary was given to those employees who have been with the bank one year or more and a pro-rata amount to those with less than a year's service.

Recreation Building Opens New Year's Eve

The new Community Recreation Building doors will open New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for a teen club dance, with music by the Capri's.

Admission will be 75¢ stag, \$1.00 drag. Boys are required to wear a coat and tie; girls should wear dressy dresses. The dance will be open to residents of Greenbelt and one non-resident guest per member. Door prizes for boys and girls.

No cars will be allowed to drive to the building, but must park in the lot in front of the pool. Parents of teen agers are welcome to attend this special affair.

Methodist Church Plans Sanctuary

The Methodist Church in Greenbelt has announced its selection of the architectural firm of Milton J. Prassas and Associates to design the sanctuary to be constructed during the coming summer.

The church has occupied its present building for five years. The time has now come for the construction of the permanent sanctuary and the completion of classrooms in the present educational building.

Since its organization after World War II, the church has moved from a surplus chapel to school building to utility building. Its congregation has grown steadily, accompanied by an expansion of its program. The building campaign will begin on January 1 with a capital fund drive conducted by the division of Home Missions of the Methodist Church.

Traveling Art Show For County Library

A Christmas present in the form of a traveling art show has been presented to Prince George's County Memorial Library by the League for Arts and Crafts and is now on display in four branches, according to Miss Elizabeth B. Hage, director.

The show, which consists of oil, water color and pastel paintings, pen and ink drawings, ceramics and fabrics, has been divided up and is on exhibit in these branches: Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville and Suitland.

Each branch will have a chance to display the entire show as exhibits are rotated by the League every three weeks. Herbert Appleton, member of the board of directors of the League for Arts and Crafts and spokesman for the group, said there were 25 artist members in the non-profit, incorporated organization, formed about a year ago.

"It is our aim to make art more meaningful in every day life and to this end we have been holding shows and carrying on workshops even though we have no central headquarters," said Mr. Appleton.

"We'd like a place but we are not waiting for it," he added. "We are a working group and many of our members teach at the university or in the public schools. We hold a monthly program open to the public on some phase of art," he said.

Recently the executive board of the League voted to sponsor an art contest among its members in connection with National Library Week.

Greenbelt's New Recreation Building

Published on another page is a letter from a citizen who raises strong objections to the News Review practice of using the name "municipal recreation building" for the nearly completed structure that has been generally called the Youth Center Building. Her letter again raises an important issue that the council had delayed too long in clarifying.

Originally when the Labor Day Festival was inaugurated several years ago to raise funds for a new Youth Center, it was envisioned that it would be a building for the exclusive use of teenagers to replace the dilapidated Drop Inn. It was an excellent idea. However, at that time the city owned a community building (Center School), and it was quite adequate for adult and other general recreational activities. Unfortunately, our city fathers--probably justifiably--decided that the city could not afford the new municipal buildings it urgently needed unless the community building was sold to the county. This was done, and it became strictly a school building, but funds were then available for at least a new fire department and rescue squad building and a recreation building.

Although it must have been obvious that the building would now have to serve the entire community and could not be simply a replacement for the teenage Drop Inn, this was never made clear by the city council. As a result, the new building continued to be called the Youth Center. One important point, which has been lost sight of, is that a Youth Center would never have been designed as elaborately as the present structure. No city of our size could afford such a building, including the magnificent roller skating rink, as a special teenage paradise, and the Youth Center Advisory Board would never have been able to raise even a third of the nearly \$140,000 for the construction of such a building.

Now what about the Labor Day Festival funds and the Youth Center Advisory Board which has unquestionably worked very hard and very long to get a decent Youth Center for teenagers. It seems to us that there is no problem here since we have always assumed--and have stated repeatedly in print--that the building will be used mostly by the teenagers. At the same time, the buildings must be administered by the city in the person of Recreation Director Warren Leddick who will have his office in the building.

On the other hand, it is clearly practical to delegate to the Youth Board the responsibility for planning all teenage activities in the building, including the predominant (but by no means exclusive) use of the skating rink-auditorium. The Festival funds could be used by the Youth Board to buy special equipment for exclusive use of teenagers (with their own lockers, if needed) and to stage special events, which the city could not normally afford.

This seems to us to be an equitable arrangement, with the Youth Board gaining major use of a building that is far beyond anything the Board dreamed about in the old Drop Inn days. Under these circumstances, it seems appropriate that the building should be given a more encompassing, less restrictive name, than Youth Center -- a name more in keeping with the broadened scope of activities that it will house -- such as Greenbelt Recreation Center or Greenbelt Activities Building.

Whatever name is finally selected, it should be the responsibility of the city to make clear in its ordinances and public literature that the building, while giving youth activities priority, will be open to other civic and non-profit recreational organizations when scheduling permits.

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Forgotten Teenagers

I would like to inquire as to why the new building being erected is sometimes referred to as the "Recreation" building, and other times as the "Youth Center."

It would seem to me that there should be no doubt that the building is the Youth Center Building since the referendum put to the people was for the erection of a Youth Center. The teenagers of Greenbelt have been promised their own building since the collapse of the old "Drop In". It would now appear that having used the term teenagers to get the building started, it is now going to be taken over by adults under the loosely applied term "recreation".

Since the Labor Day festivals were for the benefit of the Youth Center, and civic organizations around town have funds which they expect to donate to the Youth Center, are these things now going to be given to the Recreation Department? According to the budget published in the News Review on December 8, it would appear that there is adequate money to carry on recreation activities. Since no mention was made in that budget for Youth Center activities, are the teenagers to become the forgotten group in Greenbelt?

Let's keep the Youth Center for the teenagers!

Sincerely,
Mrs. G.C. Daffan, Jr.

Dalbrow-Sullivan

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dalbrow, 15 Empire, announced the marriage of their daughter, Sandra to Lawrence Sullivan, daughter of Mrs. Rosella Sullivan, 4-B Ridge.

The ceremony took place on December 24 in the Greenbelt Community Church. Reverend Kenneth Wyatt officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a waltz length full-skirted nylon dress. Her veil was finger-tipped and she carried white colonial roses with red roses inserted. Barbara Sullivan, sister of the groom, was the maid of honor. She was dressed in powder blue nylon and carried a bouquet of red carnations.

Gets Special Service

TO THE EDITOR -

The other day I found myself facing quite a problem. I needed to reach my husband about an urgent matter, and knowing he was going by the Post Office soon, thought I could reach him there. I telephoned the Office and stated my purpose for calling, asking if he were at the Post Office at that time. Instead of the gentleman in the office politely stating that this was "out of the line of duty" he tried to assist me. On inquiring at the office window, he found Mr. Hightower was not there. The gentleman stated, "If he comes in, we'll be glad to tell him you are trying to reach him."

I suppose the minister's wife realizes what a help this is when trying to reach her husband on an urgent matter.

Did someone say recently that Greenbelt was losing its "togetherness"? This doesn't seem true to me. I sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness on the part of this man working at the Post Office. I realize this was out of his line of duty, but he was willing to help if he could.

We, all of us, make Greenbelt exactly what it is!

Mrs. Neil E. Hightower

Fine Improvement

TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations to the Editor and staff on the fine improvement made in the appearance of the paper by the use of the offset process. And the use of pictures now makes it a paper of unusually fine quality. Our community is fortunate in having public spirited citizens give of their time to keep us informed. We are a better community because of it.

Appreciatively,
Rev. Kenneth B. Wyatt

Baptists Hear Guest

Dr. Earle Ellis, professor of Church History at Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, will preach on the "Meaning of the Cross" during the 11 a.m. morning worship service at the Greenbelt Baptist Church on Sunday, January 1, 1961.

Dr. Ellis previously taught New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He is the author of the book, "Paul's Use of the Old Testament."

Bridge Players Note

Next month's duplicate bridge game, originally scheduled for Thursday, January 5, has been postponed one week to Thursday, January 12. The postponement is due to the fact that the Co-op Hospitality Room was not available for January 5.

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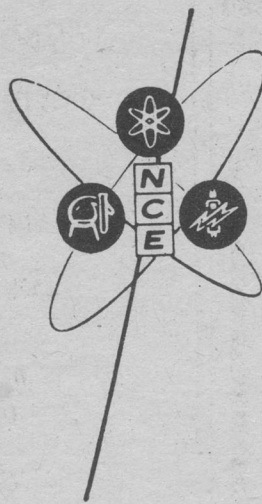
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The total enrollment of male students was up 9.2 percent, while women students jumped 20.6 percent. The university now has enrolled 9,345 male and 4,162 female students.

About 50 percent of the total enrollment is made up of students from Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties. Approximately 17.4 percent of the total student body is from outside the State of Maryland.



By Elaine Skolnick GRanite 4-6060

Best wishes to Gail Boykoff, 2-C Northway, who celebrated her eleventh birthday.

A speedy recovery to Betty and Bill Brooks, 2-K Northway, who were injured in an automobile accident.

A very happy birthday to Naomi Parker, 2-J Northway, who was eleven years old.

The Cub Scouts of Pack 202 enjoyed their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 16, at Community Church.

Congratulations to Stephen E. Peters, Jr., 11-C Laurel Hill Road, who is now a brand new Cub Scout in Pack 202.

Former Greenbelters Bob and Jane Melby have a new daughter Ruth Ann, born December 13, who joins her four sisters Kristine, Patricia, Sandra, and Cynthia. Ruthie's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Johnson of 39-L Ridge Road.

Speakers Available

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4-H Club News

by BARBARA SKOLNIK

At a recent 4-H meeting, two 4-H clubs met at Mrs. Helen Geller's home, 117 Northway, to hear a talk on Child Care. The Cloverettes and Cloverbuds, with their leaders, Mrs. Geller and Mrs. Simonson had as their special guest, Mrs. Rose Amberg, Registered Nurse, 10-D Southway.

Mrs. Amberg spoke to the girls about children from birth to five years old. The girls asked questions, and gave answers to some questions.

The purpose of the talk was to help the girls with their Child Care Project. Eventually they hope to be trained babysitters. After the talk, Mrs. Geller served juice and cookies.

The Cloverettes are looking for a new name. Don't forget to put your entry in the box at Twin Pines.

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High Point Hi-Notes

BY LINDA OLSON

"Time and Thought" was the theme of High Point's National Honor Society induction on Thursday, December 22. From the fifteen seniors chosen, the two from Greenbelt were Sandy Mirabella, 7-H Crescent and Tony McCarthy, 6-J Ridge.

To become eligible to be "tapped" into the society, one must meet the requirements based on scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Martha Walker, president, opened the ceremony with her message of service to the assembly. Followed by speeches from Susan Abramowitz, 3-L Eastway, on scholarship; Martin Berkofsky, 5-A Ridge, on leadership and Janet Holsclaw, 6007 Pontiac St., Berwyn Heights, on character.

Mr. Allan I. Chotiner, principal, spoke to the newly inducted members and the audience.

Members of the society, along

with parents and friends were guests at a reception which followed the induction.

Three Greenbelt High Point students of the senior class have been selected by means of a series of aptitude tests to participate in a course in computer programming offered in cooperation with the American Research Bureau and Remington Rand Company. The seniors are Mike Rosenzweig, 4-E Crescent; Stephen Mintz, 1-C Westway; and Tony McCarthy, 6-J Ridge.

Dave Dalbow, 14-P Ridge, will be handling the publicity for the annual Alumni Dance to be held on Thursday December 29, 8 p.m. at High Point.

Position Vacancy:

Center Director,
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Under close administrative supervision, the Center Director is responsible for the organization, development, and personal leadership of the teen age program and of other center sponsored programs. This director is responsible for program to the Superintendent of Recreation and serves as his staff assistant for all programs under his jurisdiction.

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Tibetans Learn English



Tibetan refugees are shown in their camp studying English to help themselves overcome language barriers. Students range from children to middle-age combat veterans. CARE packages purchased by local residents in the current Greenbelt-CARE campaign to help a Tibetan refugee village include literacy kits for the study of both Hindi and English as well as books and other educational materials. About \$400 worth of packages have already been bought with several local organizations yet to report.

Golden Age Club Here

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club is sponsored by the City Recreation Department. The Club now consists of 31 active members, and meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Officers are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sunshine Committee and Refreshment Committee. At regular meetings, new and old business, as well as special projects, are discussed. Refreshments follow: baked goods, tea and coffee. Each week two different members serve as refreshment chairmen. General programs consist of bingo, flower making, oil painting, scrap book making and other special projects of the club. Each year the members go on an annual outing with Warren Led-

dick, Superintendent of Recreation. The past year the club spent a day at Chesapeake Beach. Each member is entitled to a button designating him as a Golden Ager. Upon presentation of this button members receive special rates at the Greenbelt Theater and downtown R.K.O. Keith movies.

Several times yearly the Club is given a party such as the past Christmas party sponsored by the Greenbelt Women's Club. The Club members themselves are always ready to help other members celebrate their 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries.

In order to make the Club most convenient for the members and any prospective members, transportation is furnished to and from the meetings.

Several members live as far away as Pennsylvania and California.

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BY - HARRY ZUBKOFF

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